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**From:** Ottinger, Elizabeth [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=EA382AEB957496A9130124D9CF44C7C-EOTTINGE]  
**Sent:** 1/29/2020 6:29:41 PM  
**To:** Paul Hlavinka -MDE- [paul.hlavinka@maryland.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Maryland Department of Environment

Paul,  
If Ed is out for personal reasons, we can set up a time when he is back in the office, or as you recommend, find a time when we are at the meeting next week.

Thanks for letting me know,  
Liz

**From:** Paul Hlavinka -MDE- <paul.hlavinka@maryland.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 11:30 AM  
**To:** Ottinger, Elizabeth <Ottinger.Elizabeth@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Maryland Department of Environment

Liz,

I just found out this is Ed's personal time off...family birthday...stuff like that. I have asked if he is willing to call in tomorrow from 9:30 to 10, and will let you know if he confirms. Realistically though, I suspect he will not be available. Otherwise, we will need to talk after next weeks stormwater meeting, or perhaps, I can find a time when he could call in to us at that event for a conference call.

On Tue, Jan 28, 2020 at 3:46 PM Ottinger, Elizabeth <Ottinger.Elizabeth@epa.gov> wrote:

Paul,

Do you by any chance have any time in the next two days that we can get together to talk about this? Even if it's just 30 minutes...Looks like we can do any time between 10 am and noon or 1-2 pm tomorrow or 9:30-10 am Thursday. Can you please let me know if any of these times work on your end?

Thanks,

Liz

**From:** Paul Hlavinka -MDE- <paul.hlavinka@maryland.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 27, 2020 12:13 PM  
**To:** Price-Fay, Michelle <Price-Fay.Michelle@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Ottinger, Elizabeth <Ottinger.Elizabeth@epa.gov>; Ed Stone -MDE- <ed.stone@maryland.gov>; Michael.Richardson@Maryland.gov  
**Subject:** Re: Maryland Department of Environment

Just to clarify, my Program Manager is Ed Stone, whom we would like on the call. Also, looking at the Coal Mine permit, that one was an error on the permit writer at the time. That wasn't consistent with our permitting approach.

If you let me know options that work for those you want on the call, I can help arrange a group number we can all use to call into.

On Mon, Jan 27, 2020 at 12:02 PM Paul Hlavinka -MDE- <[paul.hlavinka@maryland.gov](mailto:paul.hlavinka@maryland.gov)> wrote:

Michelle,

This isn't our read of the situation. Maryland issues new registrations under permits that are administratively extended, under the terms and conditions of the specific General Permit. Our only exception is our Coal Mine General permit, which would require an individual permit.

We would like to set up a call to discuss. I would like to make sure that my Program Manager can attend as well.

On Mon, Jan 27, 2020 at 11:46 AM Price-Fay, Michelle <[Price-Fay.Michelle@epa.gov](mailto:Price-Fay.Michelle@epa.gov)> wrote:

Good Morning Paul,

I wanted to check in with you on MDE's expired GP. Since the MD CGP expiring on 12/31/2019 and MDE's inability to issue registration to new construction projects under the expired GP, do you have examples of any individual permits that have been written for new projects?

Feel free to give me a call if you would like to discuss. I have a discussion with one of our state partners tomorrow and would love your response as soon as you can.

Sincerely,

Michelle

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